

## ABSTRACT

A drinking container for assisting a disabled person in drinking a fluid by reducing the degree of tilt necessary to drain the fluid from the container into the person's mouth comprising a fluid holding vessel having an upper rim and a closed bottom, the upper rim having an opening through at least a sipping region thereof, and a fluid diverter member contiguous with an inner surface and the bottom of the vessel. The diverter member slopes downward substantially from the sipping region of the rim toward an opposing side of the vessel such that when the bottom of the vessel is pivoted upward about the sipping region of the rim, the diverter member compels fluid through the sipping region. The fluid diverter member is preferably wedge shaped. A flow channel preferably extends lengthwise along an outer surface of the fluid diverter member.

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